



The Red Brick Church in Stillman Valley

(Evangelical, Independent)

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MAY 2024
NEWSLETTER

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Our graduates will be in the 9:00 AM service on May 19. So, if you want to see them in person, attend that service. At the same time, the 9:00 AM service may be more crowded than the 10:30 service.

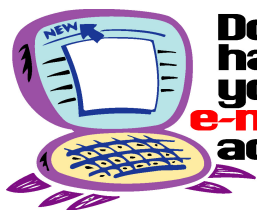
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Bricks: could you write a paragraph on what I mean by each of these eight points and why they are important? Recall, these (abridged below) are the pastoral points I make to our graduates on the way out the door to life.

- 1. Know that following Christ is both right and best.** Repenting and believing in Jesus is best because God the Father sent the Son so that in believing in Christ we might be born again by the Holy Spirit and enjoy life more abundantly. If you have not done so already, give your life to the King. The alternative to believing in Jesus is unthinkable. We must believe in Jesus and share this Good News with others!
- 2. Be warned. Be sure. Get up.** Be warned: the way of the sinner is hard. Don't buy the lie that you can make wrong choices and not reap the consequences. Be sure you really are a Christian. The worst words that will ever be heard will be when *many* stand before Christ thinking they are Christians and find out that they will spend eternity in hell.
- 3. Remember that God makes bricks with a building in mind.** Christians should be mortared together in community in local churches (1 Peter 2:5). Gifted and empowered by the Holy Spirit to serve together, local churches are called to subtly season and boldly light the darkness across the street and around the world. Further, shared life together in the church is the dynamic that strengthens believers and yields joy. Don't put church on hold for the next few years.
- 4. Sharpen your wisdom saw with the Word.** Wisdom is "skill for right living." It is the "saw" we use to cut our way through life. We need a sharp saw to make quality decisions. And it is God's Word, not our feelings, that should be authoritative. If you feel awful – and you do what you feel like doing – you will almost always feel worse. Rather, live in submission to the Word, not your feelings.
- 5. Think deeply about true answers.** Don't stumble through life as unconscious zombies. Think about life's big questions: Where did we come from? Why are we here? Why do we love? Why is there pain? How can we know God?
- 6. Enjoy your youth.** You're young and strong. Enjoy life and friendship now in ways that will not be possible when you are 80.
- 7. Envision a beautiful bride walking down the aisle in a Christ-centered wedding.** We cannot allow unbelieving culture to corrupt our vision for Christ-centered weddings and homes.
- 8. Be assured: the people of the Red Brick Church love you.** When we get to the Heavenly City, we want to know you will be at our meeting spot: 5th tree, right side of the river, facing the throne.

CHAIRMAN OF BOARDS/COMMITTEES

Deacon Board – Phil Guske
Deaconess Board – Deb Bonne
Trustee Board – Brad Baker
CE Committee – Cara Roberts
Mission Committee – Clayton Midtsem
Music – Lance Mennen



**Do we
have
your
e-mail
address?**

If the church office does not have your email address, please be sure to email your address to

the office at the following email address:

cccoffice1@comcast.net

The email address for Pastor Chris is:

cdbrauns@gmail.com

The email address for Pastor David is:

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We will be emailing out announcements, news articles, coming events, etc., so don't miss out!! Be sure we have your email address. Also, if we don't have your birthday or anniversary or members of your family, please email those dates to the church office.



Children's Prelude and SS CHOIR

On Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12th, we will have our children/youth begin both services with a prelude! Our SS Choirs will also be singing at both services on the 12th!

FINANCIAL REPORT

Through April 30, 2024

Total Approved 2024 Budget = \$495,460

Divided by 52 weeks/year = **\$9,528**

Budget Giving through April 30 \$190,283
Actual Giving through April 30 \$198,026
Budget Giving vs. Actual Giving \$7,743
Actual Expenses through 4/30/24 \$180,379
Actual Giving less Actual Expenses \$17,64

HONORING GRADUATES

On Sunday, May 19th, we will be honoring our 2024 SVHS and BHS graduates as well as those from our church family who are also home schooled graduates.

We will be honoring all graduates during the 9:00 am worship service. If you have a graduate in your family or know of a graduate from our church family, please contact the church office 645-2526.

On Sunday, May 19th, we will also be recognizing our 2024 BIC (Bible Instruction Course) and 8th grade graduates. We will be honoring all graduates during the 9:00 am worship service.

~ Happy Birthday ~

- May 2nd - Lucas Behmer, Camila Bonne
- May 5th - Evan Jones, Micah Stahl
- May 7th - Havah Gebbia
- May 8th - Mike Haugse
- May 9th - Adley Glendenning
- May 10th - Dakota Svartoiem
- May 11th - Storm Hickey
- May 12th - Anna Bogner
- May 14th - Noah Myers
- May 15th - Claudia Pihl
- May 16th - Eunice Aden, Hannah Braffett
- May 17th - Aiden Carby, Heidi Armer, Becky Myers
- May 18th - Kaitlyn Adams, Emma Wissinger
- May 20th - Aileen Gatz
- May 22nd - Evan Stahl
- May 24th - Donna Dyal, Elliot Anderson
- May 25th - Heather Wallin
- May 26th - Lena Wilmarth
- May 28th - Wyatt Brass, Susan Stukenberg, Bri Svartoiem
- May 30th - Mandy Poliska
- June 1st - June Lewis

~ Happy Anniversary ~

- May 4th - Bob & Patsy Hoernecke
- Eric & Kendra Booker
- May 19th - Mike & Gloria Ennenbach
- May 23rd - Dave & Aileen Gatz
- May 26th - Toby & Aly Behmer

FROM PASTOR DAVID ...

Would you invest a little time over the next few weeks to prepare for the summer sermon series through Titus?

We will take a break from Hebrews on Sunday mornings this summer to preach from Titus. You are invited to prepare for the sermon series by completing some preliminary study on your own. The assignment is simple:

1. **Read Titus three times.** Write down your dates of completion.
2. **Identify 3 favorite verses** or short passages (2-3 verses) that resonate with you on some level. Write them out.
3. **Write out 2-3 questions** the letter raises for you.
4. **Read the ESV Study Bible Introduction** for Titus. Write down the date.
5. **Pray** on at least three occasions for this series. Write down the dates.
6. **Submit** your completed assignment to me either on paper or by email (davidbogner4@gmail.com).

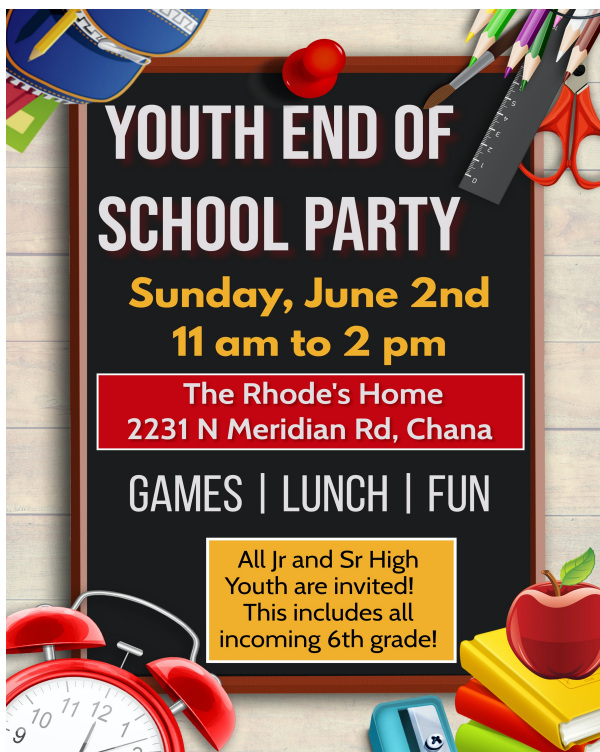
You can read this brief letter aloud in a little over **six minutes**. Even this small investment of time to prayerfully study and prepare could seed a bountiful harvest of spiritual growth this summer.



Our CE Committee is gearing up for our 2024 Vacation Bible School! Registration forms for both children and volunteers can be found on our church facebook page. Please register your children asap. We also are in need of several volunteers for our VBS! Even if you are only able to work a few days out of the week, please register and let us know.

VBS is for those children 4 years of age (potty trained) through those that are finishing 6th grade this year.

At our VBS this summer, your kids will set off on an epic adventure from Genesis to Revelation. Amid sloths, butterflies, river dolphins, and dart frogs, we will sail along on a fun jungle cruise, stopping at seven ports of call. These ports are the 7 C's of History: Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, Cross, and Consummation. Kids will discover how these events shape our world, and they will learn to reconnect the Bible to their everyday life. Prepare to swing into fun as we head out on *The Great Jungle Journey!*



SUMMER CHURCH CAMP

A sign-up sheet for camp scholarships has been placed on the back bulletin board. Please sign up for what camp you will be attending along with the week. A camp scholarship of \$100 will be mailed to your parents a week prior to camp.



Join us for
FELLOWSHIP TIME!

Following the 9:00 am worship service on the following Sundays in the Brick Center:

- JUNE 2
- JUNE 16
- JUNE 30
- JULY 21
- AUGUST 4
- AUGUST 18

MEN'S MORTAR GROUP




May 30th

6:30 - 8:00 pm | Brick Center

Stillman Valley High School

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE



SATURDAY, May 18th
7:00 pm

High School Auxiliary Gym

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Honor her
for all her hands
have done

PROVERBS 31:31